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LTC. Kenneth Powers, NYG
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Dear Colonel Powers:

I wish to express the CIA's appreciation for the contribution of the active members and veterans of the Sixty-Ninth Regiment to our ceremony and exhibit on William Donovan's experiences in World War I. It was indeed useful for Agency employees to be reminded of the patriotism and character of the man, regarded as our founder, as demonstrated in that conflict. We could not have conveyed that message without the cooperation of the Sixty-Ninth.

That cooperation was extended on several levels. First of all, you entrusted us with your most valuable artifacts dating from that period, and they attracted an exceptional degree of interest from Agency employees and other visitors to the exhibit. For example, several Agency employees found the names of ancestors on the list of the old Sixty-Ninth you provided. The grandson and granddaughter of William Donovan seemed particularly moved at the sight of the old Regimental flags.

Secondly, the presence of the Sixty-Ninth delegation formed the core of the opening ceremony on 2 June. We appreciate the time and effort expended by all members of the delegation to provide us with a unique opportunity to see one of the truly distinguished U.S. military institutions--the Fighting Sixty-Ninth.

Finally, my staff informs me that as Regimental Historian your particular efforts and time you spent here were essential to the interesting and accurate arrangement of the materials used in the exhibit. As those of us at the 2 June ceremony can attest, you presided efficiently and eloquently over the transfer of the artifacts, and we replayed that portion of the ceremony for exhibit visitors later in June.

Please extend my thanks and good wishes to all your colleagues in the Sixty-Ninth.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "William J. Casey".
William J. Casey